



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Materials:

- Paper for tree journal
- Stapler
- Pencil or pencil crayons

## Instructions:

1. Think about a tree in your yard, or nearby in a park. Bring your paper and pencil with you to the tree.
2. Make a rubbing of a section of the bark by holding the paper against the bark, and gently rubbing your pencil on the paper to make a print of the bark texture. This is the title page to your Tree Book.
3. Fold a few pages together like a book (with the bark rubbing on the outside), then staple together along the edge. Make sure you use enough paper for some journal observations, changes, illustrations, and research in your book.
4. Make some observations about your tree, and record in your book (ex. My tree is very tall, it has yellow leaves, it's bark is smooth, etc.). Draw a picture of your tree. Press a leaf or some needles into a page.
5. Do some actual research on your tree. Find out its name, some other areas where it grows, what animals rely on it, etc. Include these facts in your book.
6. Choose other days to observe your tree - write the date, record something that has changed, and draw a picture. You can do this many times over the course of a few months, as often as you'd like.

